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KOLOB FIRE UPDATE

CEDAR CITY, UTAH – The Kolob fire burned actively all day Sunday and communities were threatened as the winds shifted throughout the day. During the afternoon winds pushed the fire towards SR-9. SR-9 was closed due to the fire reaching the highway and poor visibility from the smoke, but is open at the present time. The Kolob Terrace road is restricted to fire traffic only.

A Type II Incident Management Team took over management of the Kolob Fire this morning at 6:00 a.m.

There were no reported injuries or victims of heat exhaustion.

Weather forecasts indicate dry lightning today.

The fire is burning on lands managed by Zion National Park, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

Closures:

All trails accessible to the Zion back country along the Kolob Terrace road and in the southwest desert are temporarily closed due to the Kolob fire, these include:

Connector Trail Hop Valley Trail

Wildcat Canyon Trail Left Fork (Subway) and Right Fork of North Creek

Dalton Wash Trail Chinle Trail
Coal Pits Wash Scoggins Wash
Huber Wash North Gate Peaks

West Rim Trail Lava Point

Start date and time: June 24, 2006, 8:47 p.m.

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Kolob Terrace Road, approximately 7 miles northeast of Virgin, Utah

Acreage: 13,000

Engines: 13 Crews: 5 Helicopters: 2

Heavy Air Tankers: 2, an additional air tanker on order

Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs): 5

Water Tenders: 3

Date of Containment: None **Percent of Containment**: 3%

Fire Associated Loss:

1 arena and associated fences

1 horse trailer

1 dog run and kennel

2 generator buildings, 20' X 100'

1 Ford dump bed pickup

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